

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad – Khalifatul Masih IV. On 16th May 1997. In Hamburg - Germany

'Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Aye! It is only in the remembrance of Allah that hearts find comfort.'

'Those who believe and do good works joy awaits them and they shall have an excellent final homecoming.'

The Holy Quran. al-Rad [The Thunder]: 29, 30.

Among the bounties bestowed to the Ahmadiyya Community is that along with the rest of the world the Community in Germany is also progressing very fast in the various fields of the service of the faith and the scope of its work is also on the increase for which righteousness is required to manage them properly. In emphasising the need for the moral upbringing of the new Ahmadis coming in troops upon troops I urge that regular Tarbiyyati Classes should be held. There is a great need for moral training on an individual basis and a great need for an increase in the standards of the righteousness of each person because the workers always come in sincerity, when they come having disregarded the worldly occupations it is a mark of their hidden talents but there are many stages that remain in the way of increasing and nurturing these. I pray that Allah the Almighty may grace the workers of the Community in Germany with greater righteousness than before and that their righteousness may be clearly observable in their actions and that He may through His grace remove the many weaknesses that are found in them [whether] individually or as a whole.

It can be estimated from the Question & Answer Sessions held yesterday that the attention of others is being drawn towards towards the Jamat very rapidly. The attendance was in excess of that estimated by the organisers. Instead of one multi-lingual session we would now have to convene separate sessions for specific languages here as well as in other places. With the grace of Allah the tasks continue to increase but many burdens are relieved simultaneously through MTA. The questions that remained unanswered in yesterday's session due to the scarcity of time would be answered from London through MTA in the respective languages.

A very important advice apart from this is that you should train a large number of nationals who would convene Question & Answer Sessions and learn to answer questions through prayer in full confidence.

There is no need to panic at the increasing workload of the Jamat in Germany. Allah the Almighty is to undertake these works. He alone has always undertaken them. Some workers among you would be coming forward in greater numbers. You are not to stop walking ahead – In fearing as to whether you would be able to cope with them or not. This is also the advice to the Jamats all over the world.

This year is the year of the *Mubahila* [Quranic prayer duel]. The enemy had prayed that '*O God! May this be the year of the destruction of Ahmadiyya*'. These prayers were said in the mosques in England as well as in Germany. As against this Almighty God also enabled us to say some prayers. Almighty God is showing Signs. During the whole of last year the number of *Bayats* [initiations] was around 1600000 and this is roughly the number reached

up until today. There are yet some months of this year remaining and it is not at all unlikely that Almighty God would double it.

I advise the Jamats not to make separate arrangements for *Tarbiyyat* [moral upbringing]. Make fast progress through one Team for *Tabligh* [proselytism]. Another Team for *Tarbiyyat* should be appointed to care for those entering Ahmadiyya. Select the good-natured ones from among them and convene Classes. These Classes should also tell them about the beliefs of the Ahmadiyya and how to preach in future. These should include the Imams of the mosques and the youth. When the Class is complete they should go to their provinces to accelerate the preaching.

There was also a question asked about the '*Soul at Rest*'¹ in yesterday's session. In the light of the verses recited at the start of the sermon it is indeed the Soul at Rest that would triumph in the end. One sometimes feels that one possesses the Soul at Rest but then a little later it feels that '*No it has not yet been reached*'. An analysis would reveal that inner peace cannot be achieved through receiving the worldly goods through worldly means and in fact the avarice of such people increases all the more. Then the need for more keeps them restless. Many of them never even achieve the worldly goods.

Allah the Almighty states that tranquillity lies in the remembrance of Allah but there can only be tranquillity in the remembrance of Allah if one finds the remembrance of Allah appealing and if the remembrance of Allah satisfies the hearts then this would result in the heart slowly and gradually being withdrawn from the world. So every person can know in their hearts whether they had achieved the Soul at Rest or not because the Soul at Rest is the fortune of those who find peace in remembering Allah.

Those who remember Allah must remember the glory of Allah's attributes. To find tranquillity in the memory of Allah results in the birth of a connection through His grace. Just to pursue the beauty of the world detached from its Creator can never satisfy you.

Those who achieve the Soul at Rest are also restless but they would be restless for Allah. They are restless when they see someone moving away from God.

The Soul at Rest is the term for a state resulting from the love of Allah's attributes. The state of the Soul at Rest is always a state of eternity. It never leaves one when one receives it.

Today the Ahmadiyya Community is in need of a large number of those who give birth to this Soul at Rest. For if they achieve the Soul at Rest upon righteous deeds then it is a given that the Community will only ever triumph.

I pray that may Allah the Almighty truly begin to grant us the Soul at Rest. You would have achieved the Soul at Rest when you learn to admire virtue so that it becomes your lifeblood. May Allah enable us.

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¹ *The Holy Quran*. al-Fajr [The Dawn]: 28.